

and in cutting them down the wines are destroyed. The Forest Department should be prohibited altogether from cutting trees in *kans*, as their utility is destroyed by the removal of trees.

Reply of Government.—Until the question regarding reservation of occupied *kans* is finally decided, the Forest Department will be directed not to cut any trees in occupied *kans*.

SUBJECT No. 196.

New State Reserves in the malnad.

Messrs. Bhaskar Rao, Shimoga District Board, C. Vamana Rao, Mylarappa and Basappa, Nagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As the existing allotment of grazing lands, Soppinabettas, and district forests is insufficient to meet the requirements of the villagers, the proposals for the formation of new State Reserves inclusive of occupied *kans* may be kindly put a stop to in the malnad taluks. The remarks made by Mr. Pilkington in his last year's address to the Dewan during the session of the Assembly apply to all malnad taluks.

Reply of Government.—Occupied *kans* have to be treated as enclosures when they are within the limits of the State Forests. All the rights are recorded by the Settlement Officer and they will be noted in the *Khetvar* also.

SUBJECT No. 197.

Seigniorage on fuel.

Messrs. Venkatasamiah and Doraswamy Iyengar, Chamrajnagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The license fee on wood brought from forests has been raised from 4 to 8 annas in the case of a cart and 2 to 4 annas in the case of *rad-darabandi*. Pray that the former rates only may be levied, as fuel is an article of every-day consumption.

Reply of Government.—A report will be called for from the Conservator.

SUBJECT No. 198.

Removal of fuel without payment.

(1) Messrs. C. Vaman Rao, Mylarappa and Basappa, Nagar taluk
(2) Mr. A. Narasimhiengar, Sagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The Order of Government conveyed in their Proceedings No. R. 600-603—Ft. 149-11-3, dated 27th July 1912 *re* the removal of dead-wood as fuel from the malnad forests leaves a doubt as to whether green wood removed as fuel is subject to the payment of seigniorage. The conditions of weather in the malnad in the rainy season require each house-holder to store a sufficient quantity of fuel to last for the whole season. As dead-wood is not procurable in sufficiently large quantities, the raiyats are obliged to get green wood from the forests as a matter of necessity. There are no professional fuel contractors in the malnad. It is therefore prayed that permission may be granted for the removal of green wood for fuel for domestic consumption in the malnad, free of seigniorage.

(2) The non-agriculturists in the malnad are at present required to pay a seigniorage of 4 annas per cart-load of fuel. The number of such persons in the malnad,